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- 1. ON JAN 24, EMBOFF PRESENTED AIDES MEMOIRE ON LAW OF WAR AND WORLD METEROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO) CONFERENCES TO ABDELLAH BENKIRANE, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. EMBOFF MADE POINTS IN REFTELS AND ALSO PRESENTED TEXT OF EMBASSY SAIGON JAN 11 DIPLOMATIC NOTE (REF C) ON VIETNAMESE SITUATION. IN ADDITION TO STRESSING VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION AND PRG'S LACK OF REPRESENTATIVITY, EMBOFF UNDERLINED QUORUM QUESTION AT WMO CONFERNCE.
- 2. BENKIRANE SAID THAT PRG REPRESENTATION AT FIRST SESSION OF LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE HAD BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDRED BY HIS MINISTER. DECISION TO ABSTAIN, HE SAID, HAD BEEN MADE ON GROUNDS THAT CONFERENCE WAS FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES AND THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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THEREFORE ALL POINTS OF VIEW SHOULD BE HEARD. BENKIRANE THEN

REITERATED FAMILIAR GOM LINE THAT MOROCCO RECOGNIZED GVN, HAD NO RELATIONS WITH PRG, AND SHOULD ALWAYS BE COUNTED IN U.S. CAMP ON VIETNAMESE ISSUES. HE THANKED EMBOFF FOR DEMARCHE AND AIDES MEMOIRE, AND SAID HE PLANNED TO RAISE MATTER WITH MINISTER AGAIN, BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT.

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